

Friends of the Garden Volunteers

Water Services Department, Conservation & Sustainable Living Division



POSITION SUMMARY:

The Friends of the Garden (F.O.G.) volunteers assist the Glendale Water Conservation Office in maintaining the award-winning Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, located at the Glendale Main Library. F.O.G. volunteers assist in the care and upkeep of the garden, participate in monthly group workdays, help at special events, assist in the Water Conservation Office, and act as garden ambassadors.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Maintain garden pathways
- Report dying or distressed plants, vandalism, signage problems, and irrigation leaks to the Water Conservation Office
- Pick-up litter in the garden
- Install new plants
- Clean plant signs
- Assist with garden-related events
- Lead garden tours for school and special-interest groups
- Assist with water conservation-related events and programs
- Communicate general program information to the public

TIME COMMITMENTS:

- 2-6 hours per month
- Recommended at least 25 hours per year

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- General knowledge of plants and gardening is helpful, but not required
- Capable of lifting 20 lbs

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Outdoors in a garden setting bending, stooping, raking, light-lifting, and digging, etc.
- Indoors in an office setting at a computer terminal or desk sitting, using hands

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum age of 16 to volunteer
- Desire to learn more about the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden
- Ability to perform light gardening tasks with minimal supervision
- Love of the outdoors and plants
- Attend a minimum of two free gardening / xeriscape trainings or workshops provided at the Glendale libraries per year (classes and orientations are included in volunteer hours)

Join Us!

The time and talents the volunteers share, provide the community with a unique garden experience. If you're interested in becoming a Friend of the Garden Volunteer, please call the Water Conservation Office at **(623) 930-3550** or e-mail astahley@glendaleaz.com. No prior gardening experience is needed and training is provided.